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The Maritime Provinces—a Fellowship Tour

By Earl A. Todt

Fifteen members of International Christian Endeavor's Fellowship Tour to the Canadian Maritime Provinces came together for an early breakfast at D'Youville College in Buffalo, New York, on Saturday, July 11. We had just concluded an exciting 59th International Christian Endeavor Convention and were looking forward to a new adventure.

After fond farewells to fellow conventioners in Buffalo we flew to Boston's Logan International Airport where we were met by our tour guide and the driver of "Rhode Island Red," the motorcoach which was to be our "house" on wheels for the next nine days. We were joined in Boston by several more tour members. Our air-conditioned coach travelled northeast from Boston into Maine, where we picked up additional tour members and our full tour complement of 28 were finally all together for dinner in Portland.

After dinner we drove to the dock area to board the Scotia Prince, a large ocean-going ferry, for overnight passage to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Just as we were entering the terminal a familiar van with Columbus, Ohio, license plates pulled alongside our bus. At the wheel was Carole Fox, a member of Headquarters Staff, who with her husband Nelson was on the way from Buffalo to visit relatives in Maine. It was indeed a pleasant surprise to have a warm bon voyage as we sailed that evening.

Life on board the Scotia Prince was interesting, if a bit confining. The first leg of our journey was made in dense fog and the regular blasts of the ship's fog horns kept reminding us—as well as signalling other vessels—that our ship's lights did not penetrate more than a few yards into the darkness.

After a hearty buffet breakfast on Sunday morning and an inspiring service led by Rev. Gordon Shelley, with special music by a Columbus trio (Martha Walke, Phyllis and Clyde Meadows), we were prepared to board Rhode Island Red again and begin our first day of sight-seeing in Nova Scotia.

From Yarmouth our bus followed the Evangeline Trail, one of the most famous of several "trails" winding through the Nova Scotia countryside. On our way to Port Royale, the site of the first permanent white settlement in Canada, we stopped to see the largest frame church in North America.

At Port Royale we saw a replica of the first white settlement with real-life demonstrations of pioneer activities conducted by volunteers. It is recorded that these first colonists grew the first cereal crops in Canada, built the first grain grinding mill in North America, and converted the first Indians to Christianity. North America's oldest social club, "The Order of the Good Times," was instituted by Champlain in the settlement in 1606 to combat the boredom of the long, dark winters. Our tour guide promised us all a Certificate of Membership in this Order if we really enjoyed ourselves during our trip.

A highlight of our first day in Nova Scotia was the visit to Grand Pre National Historic Park, locale of Longfellow's famous poem, "Evangeline," which memorialized the deportation of over 10,000 Acadians of French descent by the British in 1755.

Two nights in Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia, provided us many interesting opportunities in sight-seeing and dining. Lobster was the most popular choice from the menu.

Another highlight was a side trip to Peggy's Cove, a quaint fishing village on the Atlantic coast with a post office located in a lighthouse, the only one of its kind on our continent.

Our tour route from Halifax took us north along the eastern coast through Sherbrooke Village, a restoration of an 1860 lumbering and mining town. We crossed the Canso Straits to Cape Breton Island where we stayed two nights. We soon realized our time on this island was much too short to see all the interesting and historic places. A brief visit to the Alexander Graham Bell Museum at Baddeck revealed new dimensions to the life of this man who is best known for invention of the telephone. Displays of his work with the blind and hard of hearing, his invention of the hydrofoil, and many other discoveries and inventions added to our understanding and appreciation of this great man.

The Cabot Trail into the Highlands was an awe-inspiring experience as we traversed up and down and through small mountains and virgin forest. The Gaelic flavor reminded us of Scotland and certainly gives credence to the name "Nova Scotia" which means "New Scotland." Our route soon dropped down to the coast and we proceeded south through the thriving shore community of Cheticamp where rugmaking, farming, and fishing are the basis for the area's economy.

By this time our tour group had become well acquainted with each other. We were a mixed group both in age, background, and interests, but we became a tour "group" very quickly. When the tour was over, we had two persons ask to be put on our mailing list and we received warm thanks for a wonderful experience from all of our non-Christian Endeavor participants.

The last province we visited was New Brunswick, sometimes called the "picture province" of Canada. We saw Magnetic Hill at Moncton, toured the city of St. John with its rich heritage of Loyalist settlers from the States, and viewed the "Reversing Falls" rapids on the St. John River, a spectacular demonstration of the effect of the extremely high tides in the Bay of Fundy region. At St. Andrews, also on the Bay of Fundy coast, we saw low tide in the Passamquaddy Bay. High tide reaches over 25 feet in this area.

We reentered the U.S.A. in Maine and continued south for an overnight stay at Bar Harbor. For our farewell dinner we welcomed Bob and Marilyn Hildreth from Bangor. They spent the evening with us, then took Bob's mother, Kitty Hildreth (one of our tour members), home with them for a visit.

Twenty-seven of us continued travelling south through Portland to Boston where our Christian Endeavor group had an overnight stay in the Park Plaza Hotel near historic Boston Commons. We enjoyed another seafood dinner together. Sunday morning was a time for more farewells, with a few of us with afternoon flights spending Sunday morning sight-seeing and attending church services before ending our very interesting and relaxing vacation.

1988 Fellowship Tour to the

SOVIET UNION

Celebrate with fellow Christians in Russia the anniversary of one thousand years of Christianity in that land.

This two-week tour August 6-19 will visit the major cities of Leningrad, Novgorod, Kiev, Moscow, and Sagorsk, including visits to many historical and religious landmarks.

Reservations must be received by early 1988. Cost is $2,495 double occupancy, with $300 single occupancy supplement (prices subject to adjustment).

Contact the International Society of Christian Endeavor quickly if you are interested (P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio U.S.A. 43216; phone 614/258-9545).

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Christian Endeavor Week Poster from Alabama

The week which includes the last Sunday of January and the first Sunday of February is designated "Christian Endeavor Week" each year. Young people worldwide celebrate the birthday of this movement with many special activities.

The first Christian Endeavor group was organized in 1881 at the Williston Congregational Church in Portland, Maine, by Francis E. Clark. February 2 will be the 107th anniversary of the founding with January 31 to February 7 designated as Christian Endeavor Week 1988.

January Dates

1-3	New Jersey Winter Happening, Camp Bernie, Washington, New Jersey
15	New Jersey Board of Directors, Princeton Seminary
16	Michigan Board of Trustees
29-31	Michigan Ski-ee Weekend, Clear Lake Camp, Dowling, Michigan
30	Alabama Birthday Banquet, Pinson Presbyterian Church, Pinson, Alabama
30	Maryland Alumni Luncheon, Dan Dee Restaurant, Frederick, Maryland
31	Christian Endeavor Week begins

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1987 Winners Receive Awards

The International Society of Christian Endeavor conducts an annual Christian Youth Witness Program to encourage young people to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and serve together for Christ and the Church in their community, nation, and world.

The 1988 Program, the 37th annual competition, is made possible through a generous gift by the Diebold Foundation of New York in memory of the late Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City. The Diebold Foundation has sponsored the annual competition for the past 32 years.

Deadline for sending in entries is February 29. See the back cover for more details.

February Dates

2	Birthday of Christian Endeavor
5-6	Oregon Christian Endeavor Celebration, Camp Tadmor, Oregon
6	Golden Rule Annual Banquet, Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C.
7	Christian Endeavor Week ends
13	Ohio Board of Trustees, Columbus, Ohio
20	Poling Alumni Dinner, Highland Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio
29	Deadline for mailing Christian Endeavor's Witness Program entries

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President Clarence A. Kopp

The president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor is elected for a two-year term by the Corporation, usually at the biennial convention, and serves in a volunteer relationship with Christian Endeavor.

Bishop Clarence A. Kopp was elected president at the 59th International Convention at Buffalo, New York. Clarence and his wife, Virginia, make their home in Huntington, Indiana; he is Bishop of the West District of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

"Exalting Christ" is the biennial theme introduced at the 1987 Buffalo Convention.

March Dates

5	Canadian Executive Committee, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
11-13	West Virginia Winter Happening, Oglebay Park, Wheeling, West Virginia
18-19	New Jersey Leadership Development Conference
24-27	Oregon State Convention, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon
26	Pennsylvania Spring Executive Committee

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Washington President Steve Miller Turns over Gavel to New President Eric Larse

Christian Endeavor through the local church leads young people to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; brings them into the life of the church; sustains and trains them for service of Christ and His cause; and releases them through all channels of human activity in the service of God and man.

This training program utilizes officers and committees to better equip youth in their leadership abilities and is primarily led by volunteer workers.

April Dates

7-10	Washington State Convention, First Reformed Church, Yakima, Washington
9	Ohio Board of Trustees, Columbus, Ohio
17	New Jersey Board of Directors, Princeton Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
19-21	World's Union Executive Committee, Liberty Corner, New Jersey
21-22	International Society Finance Committee, Liberty Corner, New Jersey
22-23	International Society Executive Committee, Liberty Corner, New Jersey
22-23	Oregon State Planning Retreat
23	Michigan Board of Trustees
24	New Jersey Birthday Banquet
29-May 1	Mid-West Regional Conference
30	Maryland Alumni Luncheon, Dan Dee Restaurant Frederick, Maryland

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Mexican Endeavorers

The Mexican Christian Endeavor Union, which is a part of the International Society, is in the midst of a resurgence based on understanding the basics of Christian Endeavor and effectively using its program in the societies in the 24 active state unions.

Working through five departments (Program and Development, Christian Education, Spiritual Life, Special Services, and Human Relationships), the officers are holding many training sessions and are sacrificially committing time, talent, and abilities to reach their objectives.

In Mexico Christian Endeavor is a vital ministry to the youth in the churches and a dynamic training program for service to Christ and the Church.

May Dates

13-15	Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference
14	Ontario Christian Endeavor Day, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
28-30	New York State Convention

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Indian Endeavorers

The International Society of Christian Endeavor is affiliated with the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Soon after the founding of the movement in 1881, it spread to other lands and many national unions were formed. By 1895 Christian Endeavor had become a worldwide movement and the World's Union was organized in Boston, Massachusetts.

Today Christian Endeavor operates in over seventy nations and island groups and is used by more than eighty different church or denominational groups.

World Conventions are held quadrenially, subject to World conditions. The next World's Convention will be July 30-August 4, 1990, at Warwick University, Coventry, England.

June Dates

16-19	Texas Convention, University Mary Hardin Baylor, Belton, Texas
20-23	West Virginia State Convention, Clarksburg, West Virginia
27-July 2	Alabama Christian Endeavor Camp, Chula Vista Camp, Alabama

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Texas Bible Bowl Winners

International Christian Endeavor Conventions are conducted every two years in the odd numbered years.

The 1989 Convention will be held in the "Texas Valley" at Harlingen, Texas, July 3-7.

Registration is $20 for adults (over 19) and $15 for young people (19 and under), with a late charge for registrations after April 1, 1989. There is also a $10 booster registration for those who can't attend.

July Dates

1	Michigan Board of Trustees
1-3	Golden Rule Annual Conference, Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland
17-23	Washington State Summer Conference Leadership Camp, Camp McCullough, Kent, Washington
17	New Jersey Board of Directors
25-30	Pennsylvania Summer Assembly, Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
28-31	German Christian Endeavor Convention, Sindelfingen, Germany
29-31	Ohio Convention, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio

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Samoan Endeavorers from Hawaii

Most churches in American and Western Samoa have Christian Endeavor societies. Many Samoans have moved to the states of Hawaii, California, and Washington and have established Samoan churches in these areas. Though affiliated with the World's Christian Endeavor Union for many years, it was only in 1981 that the Christian Endeavor Union of American Samoa became a part of the International Society.

At the International Convention in Buffalo in 1987 many Samoan Endeavorers participated. In the General Assembly they shared their music and culture with other delegates.

August Dates

3-6	Virginia 94th Annual Convention, Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia
14-20	New York Summer Assembly, LeTourneau Christian Camp, Canandaigua, New York
14-20	Oregon Summer Conference, Camp Christian, Springfield, Oregon
21-27	New Jersey Summer Conference, Camp Brett, New Jersey
29-31	Japan Christian Endeavor Summer Camp, Karuizawa, Japan

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World's Presidents—Past and Present

The president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union is elected for a four-year term and serves in a volunteer relationship.

Rev. Konrad Brandt, now of Marburg, West Germany, was elected as the sixth president at the 20th World's Convention in Seoul, Korea, 1986. All the living past presidents were present—Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Rev. Arno Pagel, and Rev. James Murdoch.

All Endeavorers are encouraged to participate in the weekend of Fellowship September 30-October 2 at New Windsor, Maryland, with delegates from around the world.

September Dates

2-5	Texas Workers Conference, H.E.B. Singing Hill Camp, Leakey, Texas
9-11	Michigan Fall Retreat
9-12	New Jersey Autumn Excitement
17	Wisconsin Annual Christian Endeavor Reunion, First Reformed Church, Waupun, Wisconsin
30-Oct 2	Fellowship Meetings, World's Christian Endeavor Union, Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland

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Palmyra, Pennsylvania, Youth Rake Leaves As a Service Project

One of the emphases of a Christian Endeavor society is "Service." There are many avenues of service open in the church and the community and Endeavorers are urged to be creative as they use their energies to help others and to witness to their faith.

Missionary efforts are also a concern of local groups, as well as evangelism and witnessing. Thrilling reports are received at Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, of the many ways youth find to serve.

October Dates

1	Michigan Board of Trustees
1	Ohio Fall Retreat
1	Pennsylvania Fall Executive Committee
3	World's Union Finance Committee, Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland
4-5	World's Union Board of Trustees, Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland
11-13	International Society Educational Committee, Columbus, Ohio
13	International Society Finance Committee, Columbus, Ohio
13-16	International Society Board of Trustees, Columbus, Ohio
21-22	Oregon State Specialists Seminar, Turner Convention Grounds
28-30	Southern Region Conference, Montreat, North Carolina
29	Maryland Alumni Luncheon, Dan Dee Restaurant, Frederick, Maryland

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Texas Junior Endeavorers

Training of young people in the local church often begins with the primary or junior age-level. Many churches have a children's Christian Endeavor society where dedicated sponsors work with these elementary age children, beginning to train them for service for Christ and His Church.

Young people who have been trained in children's societies often go on to become the best and most effective workers in Junior High and Senior High societies when they reach these age levels.

Each International and most state conventions have special activities and educational conferences planned especially for these junior-age young people.

November Dates

11-13	Pennsylvania Alumni Weekend, Willow Valley Resort, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
25-27	Hawaii Aha Opio
26-30	Nigerian Christian Endeavor Convention

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Missouri Alumni Reunion

While Christian Endeavor's primary emphasis is on training children and youth, adults also have an important place in the work of the movement.

In many areas in North America and around the world adults meet in societies on a regular basis. Adults also play an important role as sponsors for societies.

Alumni and Fellowship groups for those older Endeavorers who wish to continue to support the movement are also very popular. In addition to serving as an opportunity to continue relationships begun many years earlier in Christian Endeavor work, these groups can be an important support for present-day leaders and members. Often these groups give financially to the work and help youth attend conventions and conferences.

Christian Endeavor is a way of life. The Pledge is a life-time commitment.

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New Jersey Endeavorers Tricia Hanacek, Kurt Gress, Mark Schlosser, and Elena Bogardus man the union's booth at the New Jersey Education Association Convention in Atlantic City. Each November this event offers a great public relations opportunity to distribute Christian Endeavor materials and make a Christian witness.

FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

International Society and World's Union General Secretary David G. Jackson highlights the past and issues a challenge for the future.

THE MARITIME PROVINCES

Earl A. Todt, Administrative Secretary of the International Society, and his wife Patty directed Christian Endeavor's Fellowship Tour to the Canadian Maritime Provinces last summer. Here Earl reports on the tour.

1988 CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CALENDAR

A monthly pictorial calendar highlights the program of Christian Endeavor and lists 1988 dates of state, provincial, national, and international activities.

WITNESS PROGRAM

Endeavorers, both individuals and groups, are challenged to enter the 1988 Christian Endeavor Witness Program. A summary of requirements, awards, and other details, along with deadline dates for entries, is included.

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From the General Secretary

Christian Endeavor, the pioneer youth movement, has been in existence for nearly 107 years. It has an illustrious history. It was the greatest youth ministry in existence for over 50 years. National and world leaders were acquainted with and influenced by its ministry. It was the official youth program of many mainline denominations and independent churches. Its conventions were addressed by presidents, government leaders, and world statesmen. Millions of young people were banded together by the Christian Endeavor Pledge and its four basic principles involving commitment, service, loyalty, and fellowship.

Why was Christian Endeavor begun? According to the early accounts of its founder, Dr. Francis E. Clark, Christian Endeavor was started in order to meet the needs of a group of young people within his local church. As the result of a series of evangelistic meetings, many of the young people had made personal commitments to Jesus Christ. Dr. Clark was concerned for their spiritual growth and development. He wanted them to feel that they were a vital part of their local church and its program. He desired a program that would train young Christians to become a dynamic group of witnesses and servants for Jesus Christ, well-rounded in their Christian character.

What was the genius of this concept? It was a program developed to meet the needs of young people in a local church—establishing them in their Christian faith; assisting them in their personal growth toward Christian maturity; providing them with a program for leadership training; presenting them with an opportunity for fellowship with other Christian young people; and giving them a place where they could become actively involved in serving Christ and His Church.

Why was this program so successful? Because it met the needs of this group of young people as well as the need of a local church. In fact, Christian Endeavor met these needs so successfully that it rapidly spread to neighboring congregations, into other states, and then throughout the world until it literally encompassed the globe. And all this happened within ten years.

Church after church responded to the challenge of this new and unique ministry. New leadership was developing within the church. Young people were feeling the call to full-time Christian ministries and churches were sending out candidates for all areas of Christian service. The cause of Jesus Christ was moving forward in a new and exciting dimension and the young people were responding to the challenges set before them.

Christian Endeavor called for total commitment of the young people to Jesus Christ. Young people, tired of nominal involvement in spiritual activities, responded to this challenge with total dedication. As a result, their lives were transformed and so were the ministries of many churches. Christian Endeavor became a vital force in the ministry of the local church as pastors and church boards discovered the significance of a dynamic youth ministry in their local churches.

If Christian Endeavor once again is to provide this much needed direction and leadership, it is important that the basic purpose for which Christian Endeavor was established is kept in mind—meeting the needs of young people within the local church. We must not become side-tracked by secondary issues but keep our primary objective in mind.

The Christian church in general is desperately in need of a program that will meet the needs of its young people. One of the greatest concerns of pastors today is the ineffectiveness of the church in reaching and training young people for Jesus Christ and then actively involving them in the local church program. In fact, the lack of youth involvement in the church today is very distressing.

However, just because there appears to be a lack of interest on the part of the youth does not provide a justifiable reason for the church to neglect its ministry to them. Instead, it presents an urgent challenge to Christian Endeavor.

The needs of young people today are many. Perhaps greater than any time in recent history. The breakup of family life, the need for acceptance, the lack of individuality and self-esteem, the despair that comes from the lack of a meaningful philosophy of life, an inability to attain goals and reach personal expectations, the mobility of the society in which we live, and the failure to develop an "agape" love relationship all are driving young people into a state of hopelessness and despair. It is to these problems, and many others similar to them, that Christian Endeavor must address itself if we are to have an effective ministry to young people today. This, indeed, is an exciting challenge!

How can we accomplish these objectives! This is a task greater than one person or one small group can effectively undertake alone. It is a task which will require the combined efforts of spiritually committed, like-minded people who are willing to set aside personal interests and prejudices in order to develop a program that will minister relevantly to the needs of young people today. The direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit is essential. The support of individuals who are concerned with this growing problem is vital. Only as we work together can we develop a program that will attain our goal of reaching young people with the gospel of Jesus Christ and then discipling and equipping them for meaningful service "For Christ and the Church."

Will YOU take up this challenge?

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR'S WITNESS PROGRAM 1988

YOU already have the winning ideas!

FINALLY, an awards program based on what you already do! Over $1,200 in cash and prizes to the winners. Tell us what you are doing to share your faith.

For Individuals

Awards will be given for the most significant article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, cartoon, or activity developed, written, or released after February 28, 1987, and submitted by February 29, 1988.

Division A

(those who have not reached their 13th birthday by February 29, 1988)

First Award—$75 cash and a Christian Endeavor pin
Second Award—$50 cash and a Christian Endeavor pin
Third Award—$15 cash and a Christian Endeavor pin
Two Runners-Up—Award Plaques

Division B

(those who are 13 and older but have not reached their 21st birthday by February 29, 1988)

First Award—$125 cash plus a grant to a maximum of $100 for the expenses of the winner to attend full time the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention.
Second Award—$100 cash plus a grant to a maximum of $75 for the expenses of the second-place winner to attend full time the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention.
Third Award—$75 cash
Two Runners-Up—Award Plaques

For Groups

Awards will be given for the sponsoring and reporting of a significant completed Christian witness project by the group. The project must have begun after February 28, 1987, and must be reported by February 29, 1988.

First Award—$150 cash plus a grant to a maximum of $150 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives, who must be members of the award winning society, to attend full time the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Second Award—$100 cash plus a grant to a maximum of $75 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives, who must be members of the award winning society, to attend full time the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Third Award—$75 cash plus a grant to a maximum of $50 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives, who must be members of the award winning society, to attend full time the 60th International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Fourth Award—$50 cash.

Three Runners-Up—$25 cash.

Award plaques will be presented to all the individual and group winners listed here.

Honor certificates will be presented to all other qualified entrants.

Presentation of Awards—Awards will be presented locally as arranged by the International Society. Winners will be announced April 29, 1988.

Deadline for mailing entries is February 29, 1988.

For further information contact: INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, P.O. BOX 1110, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43216; Telephone: 614/258-9545.